

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Council Meeting, May 13, 2024**  
Approved at the June Meeting

**Belonging** to Christ, we are a family of faith, **Encouraging** spiritual growth, and **Connecting** others to lasting hope.

**Call to Order:** Marsha Brunkhorst called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**Those present:** Pastor Bob Friese, Marsha Brunkhorst (President), Barb Esanbock (Secretary), Brian Sandness (Treasurer), Luann Emerson (Financial Secretary), Tom Boyer (Property), Stacy Burr (Stewardship), Beth Keehr (Education)

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Barb Esanbock, second by Beth Keehr, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Luann Emerson, second by Beth Keehr, to approve the April minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was a question and discussion on the snow removal bill. Motion by Luann Emerson, second by Stacy Burr, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Local pastoral meetings have started up again with Pastor Bob, Pastor Todd from Emmaus, and Pastor Brad from Community Bible Church. Vacation Bible School will be June 2nd-6th with Pastor Bob leading Monday and TVLP serving supper Monday and Thursday. Pastor noticed that the custodian wage had not been increased for many years; there was a motion by Barb Esanbock, second by Brian Sandness, to increase the custodian's wage by \$2 per hour effective 6/1/24, and to revisit the wage scale at budget time. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**STEWARDSHIP:** Chair: Stacy Burr

- Fundraisers discussed under "budget" below.

**PROPERTY:** Chair: Tom Boyer

- We will need to replace one of two furnaces before too long; this will be discussed later.

**WORSHIP:** Chair: vacant

- Nothing new to report.

**EDUCATION:** Chair, Beth Keehr

- Nothing new to report

**SOCIAL CONCERNS:** Chair: Melanie Wentlandt

- Nothing new to report.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Sunday School Building:** We will tour at a later date.
- **Financing for Building Exterior Project:** After discussion on closing costs, etc, there was a motion by Brian Sandness, seconded by Luann Emerson, to go through WESTconsin Credit Union for financing for the building project, and to authorize Marsha Brunkhorst, as President, to sign the loan documents. Motion carried with 5 in favor, none opposed; motion carried. (Not all were in attendance at the time of this vote.)
- **Approve Gausman Brothers Invoice for Payment:** After discussion on the down payment needed, and when our CD is due, there was a motion by Luann Emerson, seconded by Stacy Burr, to pay the down payment to Gausman Brothers out of the general fund, to be reimbursed with the CD and the Build the Ministry Fund. Motion carried

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Meeting Times:** Marsha will e-mail council members for opinions on switching to a Monday night meeting during the summer; this is for St. John's Council only and one or more of us could still attend the joint council meeting if need be.
- **Feed My Starving Children:** It was decided now would not be a good time to host this at St. John's, with the upcoming building project.
- **Kitchen Workers:** Our kitchen work groups are no longer being utilized; we will continue to work on this to develop the best way to organize.

**Budget:** Discussion on possible fundraisers.

**NEXT MEETING:** TBD

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Luann Emerson, second by Tom Boyer, to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Esanbock, St. John's Council Secretary.